Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ray Peterson, the producer of the Miss South Dakota Pageant system, will celebrate 50 years of volunteer service to the pageant system this year and is truly the creative genius that takes the Miss South Dakota pageant to a production level creating magic not only for the contestants and crew involved, but also for those sitting in the audience; and,

Whereas, Ray, who is the glue that holds the program together, does all things unselfishly and without hesitation to promote the Miss America Organization, inspires volunteers to become involved and become a part of the volunteer family; and,

Whereas, Ray is a friend, mentor, inspiration, and a guiding light in the Miss South Dakota organization who has weaved an extremely tight knit and beautiful pattern within the organization that joins others while he continues to uphold the values and history of the Miss America organization; and,

Whereas, Over the past 50 years, Ray has served as state producer, production director, set and wardrobe designer, talent consultant, judged 43 different state pageants, scholarship program book copywriter and graphic artist, entertainer, contestant orientation workshop chair, national production workshop chairperson, pageant executive director, and producer, all done within the Miss America organization; and,

Whereas, Ray has touched the lives of so many South Dakotans with his inspiring show productions, artistic designs, and devotion to expanding the horizons of the young ladies who have competed in the Miss South Dakota program; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper as the Governor of South Dakota to recognize and commemorate this memorable occasion in the life of this outstanding individual:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2016, as

RAY PETERSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State